

Transcribed Excerpt from Letter from Thomas Jefferson to George Washington about George Rogers Clark and the Illinois Expedition, June 17, 1779

Williamsburg [Va.] June 19th 1779.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to enclose you the particulars of Colo. Clarkes success against St Vincenne as stated in his letter... I fear it will be impossible for Colo. Clarke to be so strengthened as to enable him to do what he desires indeed the express who brought this letter gives us reason to fear St Vincenne is in danger from a large body of Indians collected to attack it and said when he came from Kaskaskias to be within 30 leagues of the place. I also enclose you a letter from Colo. Shelby stating the effect of his success against the seceding cherokees and chuccamogga (sic)... I hope these two blows coming together and depriving them of their head will in some measure effect the quiet of our frontieres this summer...

Sir your most obedient &
most hbe servant

Thos Jefferson